

Yesler Community Center Siting Workshop

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In 1999, Seattle voters approved a renewal of the 1991 Community Centers and Seattle Center Levy, to renovate and expand old facilities and provide new centers. The nine community centers and two neighborhood projects will receive a total of \$36 million from the levy. In general, the levy will:

- Bring some existing public buildings up to code and make them safe;
- Renovate old spaces to meet today's needs;
- Expand community centers to provide more program space for children and youth, families, seniors and festivals;
- Make our centers accessible to all, including the disabled; and
- Build new centers in areas currently under served.

This levy is a continuation of the 1991 levy that built five new community centers including: Garfield, Delridge, Meadowbrook, Rainier and Bitter Lake. A sixth center, Miller, was built with additional City funds.

Yesler Community Center Proposal

Current Facility: 4,700 square feet

Proposal: The Community Center levy proposed replacing the existing facility with a new 20,000 square foot, full-service facility.

Estimated Cost: \$6.636 Million

Assumptions:

Site: Community Center would be built on land provided by the Seattle Housing Authority.

Program: The community center will be a full-service center, which typically provides a full size gym, kitchen, multi-purpose rooms, restrooms/showers, office, lobby, and storage and mechanical rooms.

Schedule:

| Planning | Design | Construction | Completion |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |

Community Involvement: Parks will prepare a public involvement plan that outline procedures for soliciting and considering public input. The Plan identifies: people affected, timeline, Project Advisory Team, and communication techniques. There are many opportunities to be involved.

- ◆ Community-wide Public Meetings Parks will hold open meetings where information is shared with the general community.
- ◆ Neighborhood Meetings – Parks will go to neighborhood council, neighborhood plan stewardship meetings as needed to provide updates and gather comments.
- ◆ Project Advisory Team (PAT) Parks will convene a formal group that meets on a regular basis to provide more detailed input into key decisions. These points include site selection, architect selection, facility programming, facility design, construction start, and project completion. The membership of the PAT is approved by the Superintendent.
- ◆ Public Workshops – If there is sufficient interest in certain issues, Parks can host more hand-on workshops to involve the community.

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Please fill out a Project Advisory Team member application if you are interested in serving on that committee.

Draft Community Involvement Process*

Site Selection Phase (led by Seattle Housing Authority)

- ◆ Workshops on selection
- ◆ Community announcement of decision

Preliminary Phase

- ◆ Identify community leaders and organizations
- ◆ Targeted community outreach, recruit and select Project Advisory Team (PAT) members
- ◆ Assemble stakeholder list
- ◆ Develop project overview information for web site
- ◆ Compile project mailing list

Start-Up Phase

- ◆ Produce preliminary draft design program
- ◆ Install project information sign
- ◆ Tailor public involvement plan and schedule
- ◆ Develop PAT schedule and recommended milestones
- ◆ Develop programming questionnaire
- ◆ Project kick-off meeting
- ◆ Targeted community outreach (community councils, neighborhood plan stewardship committees)

Planning and Programming Phase

- ◆ Compile programming feedback from questionnaire
- ◆ Targeted community outreach (continue briefings with community organizations)
- ◆ Parks and Recreation programming workshop
- ◆ Design program report
- ◆ RFP for designer

Facility Design Phase (concept, schematic and design development)

- ◆ Consultant selection
- ◆ Design workshop
- ◆ Design and Arts Commission
- ◆ Preferred design

Construction Phase

- ◆ Groundbreaking

Project Completion

- ◆ Ribbon Cutting

* This is an example of a community involvement process. It may be refined to suit the needs of the Yesler Community Center project and Project Advisory Team.